

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

THE TOWNSEND BUILDING
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION CRITERIA COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tatnall Building

Dover, DE

December 10, 2014

1:00 pm

Members Present: Angeline Rivello, Barbara VanDornick, Diane Albanese, Maria Degnats, Karen Kleinschmidt, Frank Livoy, Charlie Michels, Cora Scott, Stephanie Smith, Sue Smith, Tyler Wells, Shana Young
Members Absent: Jill Cole, Tammy Croce, Darren Guido, MaryAnn Mieczkowski, Kendra Modzewleski, Byron Murphy, Kate Scantlebury, Lisa Stoner
Others: Chris Kenton; PSB Executive Director, Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General

I. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Angeline Rivello called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. A motion was made by Barbara VanDornick and seconded by Charlie Michels to approve the December 10, 2014 Agenda, with an amendment to switch Item III and IV in the order. The motion carried unanimously (Rivello, VanDornick, Albanese, Degnats, Kleinschmidt, Livoy, Michels, Scott, St. Smith, Su Smith, Wells, Young).

II. Approve the Minutes of May 12, 2014

Chris Kenton, Executive Director for the Professional Standards Board, informed the members of the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee that since he took the position in June, he has not been able to locate any minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting. If they are found in any files from the previous Executive Director, they will be shared at the next meeting.

III. Professional Standards Board Updates:

Mr. Chris Kenton updated the LCCC on recently approved regulations.

IV. Presentation

Matt Dibartolomeo, Pearson

Mr. Dibartolomeo gave a presentation to the LCCC on the Foundations of Reading Assessment. This assessment started out in Massachusetts as a state specific content assessment, but has since expanded to CT, NH, NC, and Wisconsin. This assessment is a computer based test, which could be offered here in Delaware year-round, by appointment at one of five different locations throughout the state. The cost of the assessment is \$155. Maria Degnats asked about the impact this could have on Reading Specialists, and Mr. Dibartolomeo said that there was separate assessment for Reading Specialists. Mr. Dibartolomeo stated that Massachusetts has seen an increase in their NAEP scores since implementation in 2002.

V. Presentation

Shana Young, TLEU

Shana Young gave the LCCC an overview of the current discussions revolving around edTPA and PPAT. Senate Bill 51 requires us to approve at least one of these assessments prior to July 1, 2015. Both ETS and Pearson have presented their assessments to the LCCC over the past few months. Shana Young informed the LCCC that other assessments are in development. The members discussed how they believe that edTPA was more “subject specific” while the PPAT assessment was more “generic.” Some of our surrounding states have adopted edTPA, but others are undecided. There was a concern from several members that “School Nurse” may not fit either assessment. Shana Young will keep the LCCC updated again at our next meeting.

VI. Certification/Licensure Regulation Review

The LCCC discussed the following regulations:

a. 1580 – School Library Media Specialist

Mr. Kenton described to the LCCC some of the concerns shared with him from Human Resource Director’s throughout the state, as well as concerns from current School Library Media Specialists. Regulation 1580 is currently being reviewed under the five year cycle. Frank Livoy made a motion and it was seconded by Maria Degnats to change 4.1.1 to “Holds a B.A. in School Library Media Specialist from a fully accredited college or university.” Motion carried unanimously (Rivello, VanDornick, Albanese, Degnats, Kleinschmidt, Livoy, Michels, Scott, St. Smith, Su. Smith, Wells). Angeline Rivello made a motion and it was seconded by Frank Livoy to add a Praxis II Content Area Knowledge Assessment regardless of degree level, or another approved assessment. The motion carried unanimously (Rivello, VanDornick, Albanese, Degnats, Kleinschmidt, Livoy, Michels, Scott, St. Smith, Su. Smith, Wells). The LCCC asked Mr. Kenton to research for them those B.A. programs that may be approved by the American Library Association, as well as convene a group of School Library Media Specialists to review the current Praxis II exam that is available through ETS for this area. Mr. Kenton will report back to the LCCC on these matters at the next meeting.

VII. Content Readiness Exams

Mr. Kenton informed the LCCC that the only Content Readiness Exam that may be coming to the LCCC for approval over the next few months would be the one for School Library Media Specialist.

VIII. Other & Adjournment

Angeline Rivello announced the dates for the next few LCCC meetings. They are:

February 4, 2015
April 1, 2015
June 3, 2015

Mr. Kenton will arrange for a meeting room and send out the invites.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.